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EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

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1. THE AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED ON FONMINISTER OCT 21, AND THE UNDERSECRETARY WAS NOT AVAILABLE OCT 22. THEREFORE, ADCM AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL OCT 22 DELIVERED NOTE ON CHILEAN UNGA VOTE TO FONMIN ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL JORGE BERGUNO. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, ADCM TOLD BERGUNO HE THOUGHT TONE OF NOTE WAS MODERATE, AND NOTED THAT GOC WOULD HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO QUESTION AND OUR DESIRE TO RESOLVE IT CALMLY. HE ADDED THAT CHILE WAS NOT BEING SINGLED OUT AS THE ONLY RECIPIENT OF THE NOTE.

2. BERGUNO SAID THAT CHILEAN DELEGATION HAD VOTED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. GOC BELIEVED THAT WITH CREATION OF ISRAEL AS A  
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STATE, ZIONISM AS A PRINCIPLE WAS NOT LONGER VALID, SINCE IT

WAS NOT CORRECT THAT A STATE SHOULD CLAIM THE LOYALTY OF NON-CITIZENS LIVING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN LANGUAGE FAR FROM CLEAR, HE SAID THAT ORIGINALLY CHILEAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR WHAT HE CALLED A GENERAL RESOLUTION MENTIONING ZIONISM, AND TO ABSTAIN SHOULD ZIONISM BE THE SUBJECT OF A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION. THIS WAS A GOVERNMENT POSITION. WHEN FONMIN CARVAJAL WAS IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER, CHILEAN DELEGATION HAD ASKED FOR MODIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE THEM DISCRETION TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF EVEN A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION IF TACTICALLY ADVISABLE. CARVAJAL AGREED AND SO REPORTED TO PINOCHET ON HIS RETURN TO SANTIAGO.

3. BERGUNO CONTINUED THAT CHILE'S VOTE LEFT THE MINISTRY UNHAPPY. HE SAID THAT CHILEAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK HAD SPOKEN WITH USUN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PRO-CEDURAL TACTICS TO GET AROUND PROBLEM. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY GOC WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT IN PLENARY DESIGNATION OF ISSUE AS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, ALTHOUGH AT SAME TIME GOC WOULD MAINTAIN ITS POSITION ON SUBSTANTIVE POINT. BERGUNO SAID HE APPRECIATED ADCM'S PERSONAL REMARKS AND WOULD REPORT THEM TO FONMINISTER. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT GOC WOULD CHANGE ITS SUBSTANTIVE POSITION.

4. COMMENT: FOREGOING CONFIRMS THAT GOC VOTE WAS NOT ACCIDENT. HOWEVER, ATTENTION FOCUSED ON CHILE BY "NEW YORK TIMES" STORY STATING AN UNNAMED HIGH US OFFICIAL CHARGED THAT CHILE MADE A DEAL WITH ARAB STATES HAS CERTAINLY MADE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR CHILEANS TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION NOW. GOC IRRITATION OVER STORY IS REVEALED IN SANTIAGO OCT 22 PRESS, WHICH IN A COMMENT ATTRIBUTED TO FONOFF OFFICIAL CAREFULLY DESCRIBED AS "UNOFFICIAL," CHARACTERIZES STORY AS "IN-SOLENCE."

5. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CHILEANS SOME MONTHS AGO EMBARKED ON A POLICY OF IMPROVING THEIR RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES. PARTLY THIS WAS DESIGNED TO SPLIT ARAB STATES OFF FROM GOC'S MORE CRITICAL COMMUNIST BLOC AND THIRD WORLD OPPOSITION IN THE UN; PARTLY (PROBABLY MORE IMPORTANT) TO LAY THE BASIS FOR EVENTUAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM OIL-RICH ARAB COUNTRIES. GOC WENT ABOUT THIS TASK  
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CAREFULLY AND CAUTIOUSLY; UNGA VOTE IS IN A CLASS BY ITSELF FOR DRAMATIC IMPACT. WE DOUBT CHILEANS REALLY UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO USG. THEIR PRESS REPORTING FROM US STATES US DEL DID NOT DISCUSS MATTER WITH THEM IN ADVANCE. IT SEEMS TO US HIGHLY UNLIKELY THEY WOULD HAVE WANTED TO DAMAGE STILL FURTHER THEIR RELATIONS WITH US, IN A SEARCH FOR ARAB BENEFITS WHICH ARE STILL CONJECTURAL.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT IF SOME WAY OTHER THAN A CLEAR REVERSAL OF POSITION COULD BE FOUND TO GET CHILEANS OFF THE HOOK, THEY JUST MIGHT EXPLOIT IT. WE HAVE IN MIND PROCEDURAL VOTING OF KIND INDICATED IN PAR 3 ABOVE, OR VOTING ON SOME ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION LESS UNPALATABLE TO US. FONMIN PROFESSIONALS WOULD FAVOR A CHANGE; POLITICAL LEVEL WOULD BE LESS INCLINED TO COMPROMISE. IF TACTICS SHOULD DEVELOP IN THIS WAY, WE WILL BE GLAD TO GO BACK TO CHILEANS ON THIS ISSUE, AS DESIRED.  
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